



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Today is Patriot Day. At 8:46 AM, Founders had a school wide moment of silence in honor of the those who lost their lives fourteen years ago in New York City, Washington DC, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We also remember those who responded to 9/11 including police and fire departments, medical personnel and first responders, and the men and women of the U.S. military.

The first week of school has been an exciting one. New students, new teachers, new classes, and new friends have been the ongoing themes these past four days. At Founders, we are duly impressed by the pleasant and polite natures of the students. Be

sure to check the Founders Facebook page for photos of various classes throughout the week. Thank you for your support on the homefront!

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

Fun Lunches

Fun Lunches start Friday (Sept. 11). Monday and Friday lunches are ordered in advance for delivery to TFA. Here is the form for D'Angelos Fun Friday and Johnny Troy's Pizza Fun Monday:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FCROUMz71nj63JVQRzEH3NiYzrhAp5rWRgXcqWx-Wpo/edit> and

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ofy5Hr0lwkZvOrS5F5Rjugi8am-CAG6GuStCyYpjbL0/edit>. Please print and complete the form and have your student submit to their Advisor or the Front Desk.

Congratulations Mr. McKenzie!



Congratulations to Mr. McKenzie!

Mr. McKenzie had an appeal on Donor Choose.org and reached his goal this week! His ask was for many more music stands in the band room. The new music stands will be arriving soon!

THANK YOU to all who gave toward this effort to help Mr. McKenzie reach his goal! Continue to check www.donorschoose.org for ongoing TFA projects that haven't been fully funded yet.

Traffic Review: Drop-Off and Pick Up

Please remember that your student can **only** walk to and from vehicles when the "Stop/Walk" sign is up. As a driver, you can **only** drive your vehicle when the "Drive" sign is up.

Please be patient while waiting and watch your speed.

Also, know that pick up ends at 3:35pm! Thank you!

To review the drop-off and pick up traffic pattern, click here:
<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/cms/one.aspx?objectId=1366893>.

“Bring Your Own Device”

Founders encourages students to “bring their own devices” to school. If your child has a laptop or iPad, etc. please review the Student Handbook section 2.3 and encourage them to use the devices for school:
<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/handbook>

Thank you again!

Wanted: Substitute Teachers, Lunch & Study Hall Monitors

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, study hall monitors, and lunch monitors! If you are interested in helping Founders for full days, half days or even a period or two, please contact Deb Waitt at 603.952.4705 or debra.waitt@tfanh.org. We'll add you to the list!

“Back to School Night”

Plan to join the Founders family at “Back to School Night” on **September 22 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**. A presentation on portal training will be provided along with several display tables on what's going on at Founders! There will be information about Volunteering at TFA, fundraising, the Washington DC trip (our travel coordinator will be available for questions).

The House of Samurai will be represented with information about the karate classes soon to be offered at TFA.

Mark your calendars!

School Store

SCHOOL STORE will be open for the first time on Friday (Sept. 11) during lunch. There will be TFA branded merchandise available for viewing with order forms to place orders. Basic school supplies will be there along with goggles for Science. Student planners are in the mail and we expect them any day.

TFA SCHOOL STORE HOURS will be Mondays and Fridays during lunch (with more hours coming based on demand.)

Wanted: Tutors

During the school year, the Founders will allow tutors to come in and schedule various times for students who need help. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a voluntary tutor, please contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org.

Adopt-A-Plot

The Garden Committee is offering TFA families the opportunity to 'adopt-a-plot' along the front and side of the building. Flowers, veggies, rocks, fairies, scarecrows, and so much more....

Plots will be the width of the markings along the sidewalk and will be offered at \$25 each or 2 for \$40. The landscape sketches are complete and we will be taking requests to "Adopt-A-Plot" starting on Monday.

Help us beautify TFA while you share your gardening skills. Contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org for more information!

Students Cleaning-Up After Themselves

The students have done a great job cleaning up after themselves this first week! Please continue to emphasize to your student(s) the importance of throwing away one's trash, not leaving wrappers behind, and picking up obvious trash to keep the school looking nice.

Thank you!

The Founders Academy FIRST Lego League Team #12158 The Founders Keepers



First Lego League Team #12158, the "Founders Keepers", will be returning to the Founders Academy in 2015! A student-parent information session is planned for Tuesday September 15th in the upper cafeteria at 7:00 to 8:00. (We are also planning to be at the Back to School night on September 22nd). Meetings are expected to start on Friday September 25 and continue until the local competition on a Saturday in late November. The tentative plan for meetings is Mondays after school 3:30 -5:30 pm, Friday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm and some Saturdays at the end of the season.

This year the team is asking that all interested students fill out an application to be on the team. The application form can be found at: <http://goo.gl/forms/IKo1nKdNWj>

This STEM program combines a robotic challenge, using the LEGO Mindstorms robot kit, with a research project, problem solving and teamwork. FLL is for students ages 9 to 16.

We had a very successful rookie year last year, bringing home a second place in Engineering Design at our local tournament. This year we are hoping to build on that success in the 2015 Challenge, "Trash Trek"! More information on this year's challenge can be found at the following link: <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge/2015strashtrek>

Students can see Mrs. Bechis for more information. Parents & students may also direct additional questions to Coach Chris Mikus (Christopher.mikus@tfanh.org) or Assistant Coach Kari Karwedsky (kkarwedsky@ptc.com).

Facebook Group for Carpooling

Are you interested in networking for possible carpools to Founders? Try this Facebook group set up for carpooling families: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/906239749401437/>.

This Facebook group is not maintained by Founders administration, faculty and/or staff.

Four Most Needed Items at Founders this Week. . .

- Large classroom clocks
- Bulletin Boards
- Blue recycle bins
- Expo dry eraser gallon refill

- Please check out additional items needed (NE Paper ships FREE to Founders PLUS gives a 10% royalty to Founders on all purchases):
http://www.shop.nepaper.com/Founders-Academy-Donations_c43.htm

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!

Top Items Needed for the Health Office at TFA

TFA heavily relies on contributions and donations. As of now, the top items for the HEALTH OFFICE include:

- Cold packs
- Warm packs
- Band aids, all sizes

- Gauze pads, all sizes
- Dental floss
- Small paper cups
- Eye irrigation kit

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!

Important Dates

School calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

September 11, 2015	Schoolwide Moment of Silence at 8:46am in remembrance of 9/11/01.
September 16, 2015	Board of Trustees Meeting at 4pm.
September 18, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8am - Topic: TFA Teachers talk about their hobbies.
TBA	School photos.
September 22, 2015	"Back to School Night" for current parents with portal training (6:00-7:30PM)
September 29, 2015	"Admissions Information Night" for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
October 3, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8 am- Topic: Aviation Museum of N.H. http://www.nhahs.org/
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day. No School.
October 17, 2015	FUNDRAISER: Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, NH) all book sales to benefit TFA on October 17, 2015. Hours are 9AM until 10PM. Watch for the CODE to use, coming soon!
October 21, 2015	Board of Trustees Meeting at 4pm.
October 21, 2015	TENTATIVE DATE for Health Fair, as well as diabetes and cholesterol screenings, and back to school physicals (parental/guardian consent required) offered by Rivier University. 9-4PM.
October 21, 2015	Admissions Information Night for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
November 6, 2015	First Quarter grades close.
November 11, 2015	Veterans Day. No School.
November 13, 2015	First Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
November 13, 2015	Student-led assembly honoring Veterans at 8:00am.
November 16, 2016	Parent Teacher Conferences. No School.
November 21, 2015	Science and Inventors Club Fundraiser.
November 25-29, 2015	Thanksgiving Break. No School.
December 14, 2015	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
December 15, 2015	Band Concert at 7pm

<i>[December 16, 2015</i>	<i>Snow date for concerts]</i>
December 19 - January 3, 2016	Holiday Break. No School.
January 18, 2016	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School.
January 19 - January 22, 2016	Mid-Terms
January 22, 2016	Second Quarter grades close.
January 29, 2016	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
February 20-28, 2016	Winter Break. No School.
March 25, 2016	Professional Development Day. No School.
March 28, 2016	Combined Concert at 7pm.
April 1, 2016	Third Quarter grades close.
April 8, 2016	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
April 15, 2016	Friday Morning Assembly: Drama Production Play Preview
April 15, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 16, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 18, 2016	Gen. John Stark Day at Founders
April 22, 2016	Field Trip: Shakespeare Folio at the Currier Gallery of Art. More details to come.
April 23 - May 1, 2016	Spring Break. No School.
May 9 - 10, 2016	Science and Inventors Fair.
May 13, 2016	Field Trip: 8th, 9th grades on a lake cruise.
May 16, 2016	Field Trip: 6th, 7th grades on Field and Forest Trip.
May 18 - 21, 2016	Trip to Washington DC for grades 7, 8, 9. For more details, contact Ms. Mote at k.mote@tfanh.org .
May 27, 2016	Great East Music Festival Field Trip.
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day. No School
May 31 - June 3, 2016	Final Exams.
June 6, 2016	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
June 7, 2016	Band Concert at 7pm.
June 10, 2016	Last Day of School.

June 10, 2016	Fourth Quarter grades close.
June 17, 2016	Fourth Quarter Report Cards emailed to student and primary parent/guardian.

TFA Email Activation



TFA is now using the fully activated email distribution list. In order to receive emails from TFA, you must have activated your parent email address account. If you know of a friend or relative attending TFA next year, please kindly remind them to activate their @tfanh.org email address. Thank you again!



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